Sixth Plan (1984-85) and for the latest year 1987-88:

Targets and Production of Wheat and Rice

(million tonnes)

Year	Target	Production
Wheat		
1984-85	44.0	44.1
1987-88	50.0	44.6(P)
Rice		
1984-85	63.0	58.3
1987-88	64.0	55.8(P)

(P)— Provisional

The shortfall in production as compared to the targets originally fixed was attributable largely to unfavourable weather conditions.

Procurement targets of foodgrains are not generally fixed. The procurement of wheat and rice as at the end of the Sixth Plan (1984-85) and for the latest year 1987-88 is given below:

Procurement

(lakh tonnes)

Year	Wheat	Rice
1984-85	103.47	98.63
1987-88	65.17	68.43

(As on 5-8-1988)

(c) The steps being taken to achieve the targets of production include:—

(i) Adoption of improved technology and propagation of rainfed farming technology on watershed management basis;

(ii) Timely and adequate supply of agricultural inputs and credit;

(iii) Increase in coverage of area under location specific High Yelding Varieties;

(iv) Adoption of integrated plant protection measures over a larger area;

(v) Adoption of area approach in potential regions/districts for increasing productivity;

(vi) Assuring remunerative prices to the farmers and strengthening the organisational suport for the purchase of foodgrains at support prices;

(vii) Intensification of research efforts for making available economic and viable improved production technology.

Technology Mission on Dairy Development

2271. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board has submitted any project report to Government on creation of Technology Mission on Dairy Development;

(b) if so, the salient points taken up in the report;

(c) the decision, if any, taken on each of the points;

(d) the recommendations made on each of the points by National Dairy Development Board; and

(e) the recommendations implemented so far by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal for establishment of a Technology Mission for Dairy Development has been furnished by the National Dairy Development Board (DNDB). The main objective of the Technology Mission would be to accelerate the pace of increasing rural income employment through dairy development Emphasis will be placed on technological interventions to increase overall dairy productivity.

The programmes of Operation Flood will be dove-tailed with the State Governments' programmes on animal husbandry and dairying, poverty alleviation programmes like the IRDP, research programmes, process technology and product manufacture of the Central Government Research Institutions, Agriculture Universities and the NDDB.

Keeping these objectives in view, the Mission would aim at achieving the following by 1995:

(i) extending the cooperative structure to 270 districts;

(ii) production of 610 lakh MT of milk from the level of 440 lakh MT in 1986-87;

(iii) expanding per capita availability of milk from 158 gms. in 1986-87 to 186 gms. per day; and

(iv) improving average annual yield of milk per animal within the project area.

The other salient fetures of the Mission are outlined below:

(i) **Management Structure:**

The proposed Mission with its Headquarters at Anand will be headed by Dr. V. Kurlien, Chairman NDDB supported by an Empowered Committee at the national level, a Technical Committee for considering and reviewing the progress of rese arch and development programmes of all the institutions involved in the Technology Mission and State level Coordination Committee headed by the Chief Secretaries of the States for advising the Empowered Committee on fixing State level targets, for reviewing the progress periodically and to ensure effective coordination at the State level.

(ii) **Monitoring and Reviews**

The Mission, with the assistance of its staff and supporting Committees, will review the Mission targets.

(iii) **Funds:**

No independent funds have been provided for the Technology Mission. The Mission would draw upon the available resources for dairy development provided under Operation Flood-III, Central Sector Scheme for Cattle Development etc. and State Animal Husbandry Schemes.

(iv) **Statute and Policy Issues:**

The Mission would initiate steps to suitably review relevant existing statutes and policies of the Government keeping in view its longterm objectves.

(c) It has been decided to establish a dairy Technoolgy Mission.

(d) and (e) The Mission Document constitutes a composite blend of objectives and strategies which are proposed to be implemented in accordance with programmes and actions outlined thereon.

Import of Fertilisers

2272. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of imported fertilisers handled by Food Corporation of India for Government as well as their own purpose during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the quantity of imported fertiser in stock and distributed to the deales or producers on Government and Corporation's own account separately during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the quantity of imported fertiliser lying in various Corporation godwns for more than two years during the last three years and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILISERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRI-